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Box PATENT APPLICATION  
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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing  
is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s)  
according to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): UCHIKAWA, Michiaki

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Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of 12 pages
- 03 sheet(s) of Formal drawings
- Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.64 will follow
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27
- Preliminary Amendment
- Information Sheet
- Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)

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